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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN MRS. NIXON AND PRESIDENT GEISEL

REF: BRASILIA 1490

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH AND ASSISTANT CHIEF OF
PROTOCOL CODUS

1. I NOW UNDERSTAND FROM MEMBERS OF THE ADVANCE PARTY HERE
THAT A VERY EARLY DEPARTURE OF MRS. NIXON ON SATURDAY,
MARCH 16 IS LIKELY.

2. IF THIS IS SO--AND I EARNESTLY HOPE IT IS NOT--THE
ONLY OTHER POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES WE SEE FOR A MEETING
WOULD BE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 15, EITHER IN MID-AFTERNOON
OR IN THE EARLIER PART OF THE EVENING. IN VIEW OF
PRESIDENT GIESEL'S KNOWN FORMAL COMMITMENTS ON THE
FIFTEENTH AND OTHER EXTRA-SCHEDULE COMMITMENTS THAT
WE DO NOT KNOW OF BUT THAT HE MUST HAVE, THE CHANCES OF
A MEETING AT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TIME ARE NOT ENCOURAGING.
OBVIOUSLY, THE SOONER WE ARE ABLE TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT
THE BETTER THE CHANCES ARE.

3. THEREFORE, I URGE THAT A DECISION WHETHER WE WANT SUCH
A MEETING BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NOTIFIED TO ME
IMMEDIATELY.

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4. IF THE DECISION IS TO GO AHEAD, THEN I ALSO URGE THAT

THE VERY EARLY DEPARTURE ON THE SIXTEENTH BE LOOKED AT
AGAIN IN ORDER TO GIVE US AS MUCH FLEXIBILITY AS POSSIBLE
ON THE TIMING OF THE APPOINTMENT.
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